

Fort Myers Beach Citizen Recognition Program

Citizens of Distinction Awards

The Citizens of Distinction Awards are designed to recognize, on an annual basis, outstanding citizens, groups, organizations or businesses that have brought credit to our Town.

Awards may be granted in each of the following categories:

1. Arts and Culture Recognition Award
2. Athletic Achievement Award
3. Heritage Award
4. Youth Award of Merit
5. Mayor's Special Award

Awards Categories

Arts and Culture Recognition Awards

The Town of Fort Myers Beach will recognize citizens, groups and organizations of Fort Myers Beach who have distinguished themselves in an artistic or cultural endeavor. Recognition will be given to individuals or groups who have placed first, second or third at a state level competition, or who have distinguished themselves in their art at a local, regional, national or international level.

Athletic Achievement Awards

The Town of Fort Myers Beach will recognize citizens, groups and teams who have distinguished themselves in athletic endeavor.

- Recognition will be given to individuals or groups having placed first, second or third in a state or regional level competition, or national or international level.
- Teams and candidates may hold amateur or professional status.
- Sporting events must be sanctioned or recognized by a state, national or international governing body.
- All non-resident members of a group or team who train primarily in Fort Myers Beach will be recognized.

Heritage Awards

The Town of Fort Myers Beach will recognize any citizen who has contributed significantly to the heritage of Fort Myers Beach.

- Consideration will be given to the length of time they lived in Fort Myers Beach
- Consideration will be given to their role in the history of Fort Myers Beach and their contribution to the past growth and development of Fort Myers Beach
- May be awarded to a deceased individual.

Youth Awards of Merit

The Town of Fort Myers Beach will recognize and promote youth involvement and contribution to the community through significant efforts or achievements.

- Nominee must be eighteen or younger at the time of the nomination
- Consideration will be given to both their academic, athletic, cultural and economic achievements, and their contribution to the community.

Mayor's Special Awards

This award is awarded at the discretion of the Mayor in recognition of outstanding effort and achievement of an individual, group or business.

- This award may be awarded at any time during the year.
- This award is not contingent upon nominations.
- Candidates and recipients will be selected solely by the Mayor.
- The criteria for this award will be determined solely by the Mayor.

General Criteria

- Nominations will be accepted for individuals, groups, teams or businesses.
- Current or former residents of Fort Myers Beach are eligible for the awards.
- Nominees must have been a resident of Fort Myers Beach for at least three years; or in the case of a business or group must have been operating in the Town of Fort Myers Beach for at least three years.

In making the Citizen Recognition decision the Town Council should consider the following:

- ✓ whether the nominee is recognized as coming from Fort Myers Beach
- ✓ whether the achievement attained brought widespread recognition to Fort Myers Beach
- ✓ Whether the nominee has enhanced the name of the community through positive exposure
- ✓ what level of achievement has been attained
- ✓ what contribution the nominee has made to the community.

Nomination Procedure

- Nomination forms are available at Town Hall and will be accepted throughout the year until the last Friday in July to be eligible for the awards that year.
- The person submitting the nomination is responsible for submitting a complete application with all pertinent details.
- Nominees may be nominated in more than one category but can only win in one category in a given year.
- The Town Manager may contact the nominator for clarification if necessary.
- The Town Manager will review all nominations with the exception of the Mayor's Special Award
- The Town Manager will forward nominees to the Town Council for their selection and award at the first regular Town Council meeting in October of each year.

Recognition

- There will be a Citizens of Distinction awards ceremony during the Annual Volunteer Recognition Dinner in October of each year. At this time award recipients will receive a presentation from the Mayor and Council and a small engraved plaque will be placed on the Citizens of Distinction perpetual wall outside Council Chambers at Town Hall.



Town of Fort Myers Beach

NOMINATION FORM - Citizens of Distinction

The Town of Fort Myers Beach Achievement Awards are designed to recognize, on an annual basis, outstanding citizens, groups, organizations or businesses that have brought credit to our city.

Awards will be granted in the following categories:

1. Arts and Culture Recognition Award
2. Athletic Achievement Award
3. Heritage Award
4. Youth Award of Merit
5. Mayor's Special Award (**not chosen by nomination*)

Submit Nominations to: **Town Manager**
Town of Fort Myers Beach
2523 Estero Boulevard
Town of Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931

Please review the criteria for nomination and present as complete information as possible.

**Name of Individual, Team,
Group or Business:** _____

(list all members of team/group on a separate page)

Current Address: _____

City: _____ **Zip Code:** _____

Phone Number: #1: _____ #2: _____

**Number of Years Individual, Team, Group or
Business Has Lived/Operated in Fort Myers Beach:** _____ **years**

Area of Nomination:
(please check)

- ☐ **Arts and Culture**
- ☐ **Athletics**
- ☐ **Heritage**
- ☐ **Youth**

Please provide information on the nominee including:

- ✓ **History of the individual, team, group or business**
- ✓ **Their achievements**
- ✓ **Their contribution to the community**
- ✓ **Details on how they have brought recognition to Fort Myers Beach**

Please include a statement concerning why they should be recognized as a *Citizen of Distinction*.

The nominator may include up to a maximum of five (5) pages of material in support of the nomination. The support material must directly relate to the above information. Extraneous information will be edited from the nomination.

The chosen recipients will be recognized at the annual Citizens of Distinction/Volunteer Recognition Luncheon held in February. Award winners will be notified in writing prior to the presentations.

Nominator may be contacted if there are any questions regarding this nomination.

Name of Nominator: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **Zip Code:** _____

Telephone: #1 _____ **#2** _____

Date Submitted: _____